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REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herein.

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that the claim amendments set forth in the Amendment After Final Office Action filed September 29, 2005 overcomes the grounds of rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs.

I. THE DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION IS OVERCOME

Claims 47-52, 55-56, 61-63, 65-65 and 73-75 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,090,625.

Enclosed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer that serves to obviate this rejection.

Accordingly, the double patenting rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,090,625 is rendered moot in light of the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer, and the present application is now in condition for allowance. Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of the double patenting rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,090,625 is respectfully requested.

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REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

If any issue remains as an impediment to allowance, prior to issuance of any paper other than a Notice of Allowance, an interview with the Examiner is respectfully requested, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to arrange a mutually convenient time and manner for such an interview. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned should there be any questions or concerns regarding the scope of the invention as discussed herein.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks and amendments herewith, which are fully responsive to the rejections, the application is in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal. Consideration and entry of this paper, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application, and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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